APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 18 asked by Sri T. Purushothem at the meeting of the Legislature Council held on 12th September 1958, page 182 supra.]

A.—(*a*) A stray case of cholera occurred in the Vaigai Reservoir Project area during the last week of January 1958. One Subbiah Asari, aged about 30 years, working in the Quarry site No. 1 had an attack of cholera on 27th January 1958 and died on the following day, 28th January 1958, at the isolation shed itself when undergoing medical treatment given by the Civil Assistant Surgeon of the Project. Cholera was never prevalent in an epidemic form in the camp area.

(*b*) *Steps taken to protect workmen from attacks of cholera, smallpox, etc., in Project camps.*—(i) As cholera is a water and food borne disease, minute attention regarding the purity of these items is being paid throughout the year. Effective chlorination is being done every day by the Health staff of the project to ensure protected water-supply.

(ii) *Protection of food.*—All the eating places such as coffee hotels, tea stalls, etc., are being inspected by the Project Health staff every now and then for enforcing all sanitary conditions in order to maintain the food and premises in good sanitary order. Hawkers, selling food exposed to dust and flies, are not allowed within the camp area.

(iii) *Improvement of general sanitation.*—In addition to the above, the whole residential area particularly that of the labourers is being kept neat and clean. All the fly breeding places are detected and treated for destruction. Nuisance in this regard has been eradicated. All places soiled with urine and faeces are being thoroughly disinfected with cresol, bleaching powder and lime.

(iv) *Preventive inoculation.*—Anticipatory anti-cholera inoculations are also being done for the residents of the camp area. During the year 1958, i.e., before the occurrence of the stray case of cholera, 1,570 anti-cholera inoculations were given within twenty-six days as an anticipatory measure by the Project Health staff. Similarly for preventing smallpox, vaccination or re-vaccination are being done periodically whenever necessary.

(*c*) *Arrangements made for treatment of cases suffering from infectious diseases.*—(i) There is a Civil Assistant Surgeon with medical staff to attend to the medical needs all the twenty-four hours and there is a hospital with four beds.

(ii) *Isolation shed.*—An isolation shed is put up in an easily accessible place. Cases suffering from infectious diseases are removed to this place for medical treatment by the Civil Assistant

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Surgeon of the Project. As this shed is very near to the Project Hospital, frequent visits of the Medical Officer are possible in connexion with the medical treatment of the cases.

(iii) *Ambulance van.*—An Ambulance van is available for the Project Hospital. This is being made use of in removing cases from their dwelling places to the isolation shed.

(iv) *Medicines and disinfectants.*—Adequate quantity of medicines and disinfectants are stocked by the Health Inspector of the Project for the epidemic work. Sufficient stock of medicines is also kept by the Medical Officer in the Project Hospital for treatment of urgent epidemic cases. Both the Health staff and Medical staff stationed in the project area are available all the twenty-four hours to attend to such epidemic cases.

In addition, the District Medical Officer, Madurai, also visits the place and checks up the work done by the Health staff and sanitary arrangements, etc.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide item III on page 183 supra.]

L.A. BILL No. 24 OF 1958.

(As passed by the Assembly.)

A Bill to provide for the constitution of District Development Councils in the State of Madras.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the constitution of District Development Councils in the State of Madras;

BE it enacted in the Ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Madras District Development Councils Act, 1958.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Madras.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification, appoint.

2. *Definitions.*—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

(1) " district " means the revenue district referred to in subsection (1) of section 3 or the local area constituted into a district under sub-section (2) of that section as altered by the notifications, if any, issued under sub-section (3) of the same section;

(2) " Government " means the State Government;

(3) " panchayat " and " panchayat union council " have the meanings assigned to them under the law for the time being in force relating to their constitution;